

Permitting Agencies and Contacts												
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Section 404 Individual Permit/Section 7 Consultation	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers			Mike	Finan	1325 J Street		Room 1480	Sacramento	CA	95814	(916) 557-7724
Section 7 Consultant	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Endangered Species Division		Kim	Squires	2800 Cottage Way		Room W-2605	Sacramento	CA	95825	(916) 414-6561
Section 7 Consultant	National Marine Fisheries Service Consultation			Jeff	Stewart	650 Capitol Mall			Sacramento	CA	95814	(916) 930-3604
2081(b) Incidental Take Permit/2820.1 Consultation/CEQA Review	California Department of Fish & Game			Dan	Gifford	1701 Nimbus Road		Suite A	Rancho Cordova	CA	95670	(916) 358-2842
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Encroachment Permit-District Levees & Roads	Bacon Island Reclamation District #2028	Delta Wetland Properties		John	Winther	1660 Olympic Blvd.		#350	Walnut Creek	CA	94596	(925) 932-0251
Section 401 Water Quality Certification/Dewatering General Permit												
NOI/Construction Storm Water General Permit NOI	Regional Water Quality Control Board	Central Valley Region		Pat	Gillum	343 Routier Road		Suite A	Sacramento	CA	95827	(916) 255-3506
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	Holt Union Elementary School District			Chuck	Holland	1545 South Holt Rd.			Stockton	CA	95206	(209) 463-2590
	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control district					4800 Enterprise Way			Modesto	CA	95356	(209) 557-6400
	Bay Area Air Quality Management	District Office				939 Ellis Street			San Francisco	CA	94109	(415) 771-6000
	Zuckerman-Mandeville, Inc.			Ed	Zuckerman	111 N. Zuckerman Rd			Stockton	CA	95201	(209) 469-7979
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	Contra Costa County	Department of Public Works		Maurice	Shiu	255 Glacier Drive			Martinez	CA	94553	
	City of Stockton	Community Development Department		James	Glaser	425 N. El Dorado Street			Stockton	CA	95202	(209) 937-8444
	San Joaquin County	Community Development Department		Kerry	Sullivan	1810 E. Hazelton Avenue			Stockton	CA	95205	
	City of Stockton	Public Works Department		James	Giottonini	22 E Weber Avenue			Stockton	CA	95202	(209) 937-8411
	San Joaquin County	Public Works Department		Thomas	Flinn	1810 E. Hazelton Avenue			Stockton	CA	95205	
	City of Brentwood			Donna	Landeros	708 Thirld Street			Brentwood	CA	94513	(925) 516-5440
		Director of Public Works		Paul	Zoffarelli	2201 Elkins Way			Brentwood	CA	94513	(925) 516-6000
		Director of Community Development		Howard	Sword	104 Oak Street			Brentwood	CA	94513	(925) 516-5405
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	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Office of Historic Preservation				1416 9th Street	Room 1442		Sacramento	CA	95814	
	California Bay-Delta Authority			Ron	Ott	650 Capitol Mall	5th Floor		Sacramento	CA	95814	
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	Mid Pacific Regional	Bureau of Reclamation	Federal Office Building	Kirk C.	Rodgers	2800 Cottage Way			Sacramento	CA	95825	(916) 978-5000
	Department of Water Resources					P.O. Box 942836			Sacramento	CA	94236	
	Office of Pipeline Safety	Department of Transportation				12300 W. Dakota Ave.	Suite 110		Lakewood	CO	80228	
	Sierra Club	San Francisco Bay Area Chapter				2530 San Pablo Ave.	Suite I		Berkeley	CA	94702	(510) 848-0800

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**NOTICE OF AGENCY CONSULTATION,
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING AND
PREPARATION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

CSLC MND No.: 736

File Ref: W26107; W30169.1

SCH No.: _____

Date: December 2, 2005

To: Interested Parties

Project: PG&E Pipeline 57C Reliability Project
(State Lease W26107)

Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
California Gas Transmission Department
Walnut Creek, California 94598

Location: Under Middle River, Empire Cut and Old River, near Town of Holt, San Joaquin County and Contra Costa County, California.

Project Description:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to construct and commission-to-operation a 6.4 mile long underground, 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline. Approximately 65 percent of the project would be constructed using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to avoid impacts to major waterways and their associated levees as well as to drainage and irrigation canals. HDD is also required to provide clearance from possible levee breaches, which would otherwise pose a reliability risk to the pipeline. The remaining 35 percent of the project would be constructed using open trenching. Commissioning into operation would include hydrostatic testing of the pipe and purging the pipeline of air prior to filling the pipeline with gas and releasing to operation.

Purpose of Agency Consultation and Public Scoping Process:

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the PG&E Pipeline 57C Project.

The purpose of this Notice of Agency Consultation and Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain input from governmental agencies and the public as to the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis, including the significant environmental issues and reasonable mitigation measures, that should be included in the draft MND. Applicable agencies will need to use the MND when considering related permits or other approvals for the Project.

The Project description, location, and potential environmental effects are discussed in the attached Agency Consultation and Scoping Document. Comments must be presented either orally or in writing at the Agency Consultation and Public Scoping Meeting, or sent by **noon Friday, December 16, 2005** to:

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Sacramento, CA 95825
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The CSLC will also conduct two Agency Consultation and Public Scoping meetings for the proposed Project to receive oral testimony and/or written comments at the time and place listed below:

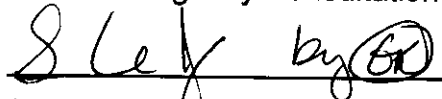
DATE: **December 12, 2005.**

TIME: 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 2:00pm Meeting - California State Lands Commission
2ND Floor Conference Room
100 Howe Ave, Suite 100 South
Sacramento, CA
(916) 574-1814

LOCATION: 6:30pm Meeting - Holt Union Elementary School
Gymnasium/Multipurpose Room
1545 South Holt Road
Stockton, CA
(209) 463-2590

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen L. Jenkins at the above address, by calling (916) 574-1814, or by e-mail to jenkins@slc.ca.gov. Copies of this notice will also be available at the Agency Consultation and Public Scoping Meetings.

Signature: 
Stephen L. Jenkins, AICP
Environmental Program Manager

Date: December 2, 2005

**AGENCY CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
PG&E PIPELINE 57C RELIABILITY PROJECT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)
(Lease W26107)
December 2, 2005**

1. Project Objective

PG&E is proposing to construct and operate approximately 6.4 miles of new, 24-inch high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline to provide redundant conveyance facilities for the existing Line 57 pipeline system that connects PG&E's McDonald Island Gas Storage Facility (MDIGCF) to the PG&E gas transmission (backbone) system. PG&E has concluded that a second pipeline is necessary to protect against the possibility of a prolonged outages should the existing single pipeline (Line 57B) fail due to levee movement or levee rupture, or need significant repair at a levee or river-crossing or under flooded Mildred Island.

2. Project Location

The proposed Project would be located in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta (Delta), crossing portions of San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties (Figure 1). The proposed Project would be primarily constructed through agricultural fields, across portions of McDonald Island, Lower Jones Tract, Bacon Island and Palm Tract in the Delta. Construction activities would also require the used of an existing 17-acre construction yard, paved with gravel in Holt, approximately five miles southeast of the Project site.

3. Description of Proposed Project

The new underground pipeline – designated Line 57C – would be approximately 6.4 miles long, extending from the MDIGCF to Palm Tract (Figure 2). The installed pipeline would consist of steel pipe with 0.625" wall thickness for the majority of the alignment and 0.750" wall thickness for the portions under the Empire Cut, Middle River, and Old River water crossings.

The pipeline would be designed, constructed operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable requirements included in the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations in 49 CFR 192 "Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards." Further, this Project would be subject to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) standards as embodied under General Order 112E.

Construction of the proposed Project would occur through a combination of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and open trenching. Five separate HDDs would be used for approximately 65 percent of the pipeline route to cross Empire Cut, Middle River, Old River, reclamation district levee facilities, and 30 agricultural irrigation ditches on the islands. The remaining 35 percent would be constructed using open trenching. Under this technique, the top three feet of peat soils would be segregated and a trench approximately nine feet deep would be dug so that the pipe would have six feet of

cover. Six irrigation ditches would be crossed by trenching, during which they would be flumed to maintain water flow.

Commissioning into operation would include hydrostatic testing of the pipe and purging the pipeline of air prior to filling the pipeline with gas and releasing to operation.

4. Permits and Permitting Agencies

According to the Applicant, Project facilities are currently in compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements. Local, state and federal agencies that have permits or approvals associated with existing operations, and that have, or may have, approval or oversight over aspects of the proposed Project, include the agencies listed below:

- California State Lands Commission (CEQA Lead Agency)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Highway Patrol
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- County Development Departments (Ministerial Encroachment Permits)
- County Engineering/Public Works Departments (Ministerial Encroachment Permits, Grading Permits)
- Local Reclamation Districts (Ministerial Encroachment Approval)

5. ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT MND

The CSLC, acting as Lead Agency under the CEQA, has conducted a preliminary review of the application for the proposed Project, and has made a preliminary determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration can be prepared. Issues to be discussed in the draft MND are provided below. Additional issues may be identified at the Agency Consultation and Public Scoping Meetings. We invite comments and suggestions as to the issues, information and analysis that are proposed to be addressed in the draft MND.

- Aesthetics

The Aesthetics section of the Initial Study will describe the existing character of the site and the anticipated change in visual character associated with the proposed project. Because the proposed project would be constructed underground, impacts on aesthetics are expected to be minimal.

- Agricultural Resources

The proposed project would be constructed in lands under agricultural cultivation. To determine the current farmland classification of the site, the 2002 Department of Conservation Important Farmland Map for San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties will be reviewed. The status of current Williamson Act contracts will also be reviewed. The proposed project would temporarily impact agricultural resources.

- Air Quality

The Initial Study discussion will include a quantitative air quality analysis, including use of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Roadway Construction Emissions Model, Version 5.1 to estimate construction emissions. The discussion will include information on the existing air quality status within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, as well as potential changes to air quality due to project construction and operation.

- Biological Resources

The biological resources analysis will be based on the following sources:

- California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) search;
- *PG&E Line 57C Pipeline Project Biological Resources Technical Report*
- *PG&E Line 57C Draft Wetland Delineation Report*;
- A biological assessment, and
- Information from the applicant or its consultants regarding any agency consultation.

The biological resources section will include a description of the habitat types located on the project site based on a site survey and the potential impacts to special-status species and habitat, trees and wetlands.

- Cultural Resources

The Initial Study will analyze the proposed project's impacts on cultural resources, based off of the *Cultural Resources Survey for the Line 57C Reliability Project in San Joaquin and Contra Costa Counties*, prepared by Applied EarthWorks, Inc. The IS cultural resources assessment will identify any potential impacts to significant cultural resources in the project area, and will develop mitigation measures as necessary to reduce those impacts to a less-than-significant level.

- Geology, Soils and Seismicity

Geologic conditions and site soils could affect the stability of the pipeline and ultimately the surface uses. Standard construction techniques and compliance with the Department of Transportation, County and State standards (including the Uniform Building Code) can minimize such hazards. This discussion will include information from existing environmental documents prepared for similar projects

or those within the vicinity of the proposed project site, and other relevant technical documents prepared by the applicant and its consultants.

- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The Initial Study will address potential hazard impacts resulting from construction and operation of the proposed project. This discussion will include information on pipe wall thickness, liquefaction and the pipeline's ability to withstand seismic events.

- Hydrology and Water Quality

This Initial Study assumes information will be provided by the project applicant, or its consultant, that describes the hydrostatic testing of the pipeline, including the water source and discharge details. Based on information provided by the applicant's drainage consultant, the Initial Study will discuss the proposed project's impacts on water quality, and on the project's potential to affect the levees along the pipeline route.

- Land Use and Planning

The Initial Study will discuss the proposed project's potential to conflict with applicable land use plans, habitat conservation plans, or natural community conservation plans, including the San Joaquin County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation and Open Space Plan, and the California Department of Fish and Game conservation easement on Palm Tract.

- Mineral Resources

The Initial Study will review the General Plans for both counties to determine the location of mineral resources relative to the proposed project site. It is not anticipated that the project would impact mineral resources.

- Noise

Construction of the project could result in the creation of noise associated with construction activities. The Initial Study will identify sensitive receptors adjacent to the project site and will include a qualitative analysis of noise impacts.

- Population, Employment and Housing

The proposed project would not create new housing or employment centers. Construction of the proposed project would employ local and out-of-town workers, the impact of which will be addressed in the Initial Study.

- Public Services

The IS will include a discussion of local County services including police and fire protection, who could need to respond in a potential emergency. As the project would not create new houses, it is not anticipated to impact schools, parks or other public facilities.

- Recreation

The proposed project would cross a portion of the San Joaquin/Sacramento River Delta, which provides a regional source of recreation. The Initial Study will look at the recreational uses and evaluate impacts from the proposed project.

- Transportation/Traffic

The Initial Study will qualitatively discuss how construction of Line 57C would affect local traffic and the existing roadways.

- Utilities and Service Systems

Based off of information provided by PG&E or its consultant, The Initial Study will evaluate how construction of the proposed project could impact water supply and wastewater services, primarily relative to the hydrostatic testing.

- Environmental Justice

In accordance with the CSLC Environmental Justice Policy, The Initial Study will review the project impacts and determine if they would occur disproportionately on high minority and/or low income populations.